



*Welcome to*

*Youth Sunday!*

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

**~ Gathering Before the Word ~****Welcome**

Cierstyn Lowder

**Prelude***Take My Life and Let It Be*  
Toby Caskey, piano

Malan

**Lighting of the Candles**

Cierstyn Lowder &amp; Ingrid Townsend

**\*Call to Worship**

Hebrews 10:23, 24

Mary-Gray Petersen

Leader: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 581***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Camryn Lowder

**“Conviction and Confession”**

Acting Out Drama Ministry

**Song of Grace**

*Somebody Like Me* Wedgeworth/Crino/Secker  
PraiseMakers Youth Choir feat. William Herbst, Landon Walker,  
Michael Herbst, Camryn Lowder, Cierstyn Lowder, Mary-Gray Petersen

**“Change of Heart”**

Acting Out Drama Ministry

**Dance of Worship**

*How Can You Not See God?* Sojka/Crawford/Early  
GraceFull Movements Dance Ministry

**“Acceptance”**

Acting Out Drama Ministry

**Offering and Song of Surrender**

*Your Way's Better*  
PraiseMakers Youth Choir  
feat. Caylin Lowder, Mason March, Camryn Lowder

Pera/Frank

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~****\*Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 10:19-25; page 1191

Amelia Caskey

**Sermon**

“Community of Hope”

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

### \*Sending Song

*Lead On, Good Shepherd* Duncan/Barranco/Mayberry  
PraiseMakers Youth Choir  
feat. Noah Walker and Ingrid Townsend

### \*Benediction

Caylin Lowder

### Postlude

*I Am Not Alone*  
Amelia Caskey, piano

arr Tornquist

\*All who are able, please stand.  
CCLI# 222113

**Greeters:** Caylin, Camryn & Cierstyn Lowder; Mary-Gray Petersen, Ingrid Townsend

**Ushers:** William & Michael Herbst, Landon & Noah Walker

welcome

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

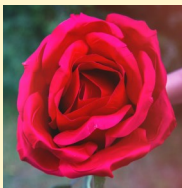
**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

**Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children", they will be escorted to their classroom in the Nursery.

**A Nursery** is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!



**Today, we welcome you to Youth Sunday!** Our Youth will lead our service, and we invite you to participate with them. Let us seek to worship God together, in spirit and in truth.



**The rosebud on the altar is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Lillian Etta Goodnight.** Lillian was born June 2nd, weighing 7 lbs 2 ounces. She is the daughter of Caleb and Lauren Goodnight and sister to Macray. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Renee Goodnight. Congratulations to the Goodnight family!



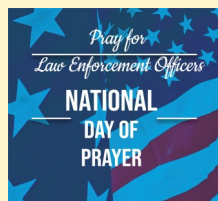
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hank Cranford by Sharon Cranford.



**Dear Church Family, I just want to say thank you for everything you did to make my graduation Sunday so special.** The reception was beautiful, and I felt so loved and celebrated. It really meant a lot to me to be surrounded by people who've supported me through the years. Thank you also for the sweet cards, the generous gifts, and all the kind words and prayers. I've truly felt the love from each and every one of you. I'm especially grateful to the church for the scholarship I received. It's such a blessing, and I'm thankful for the way you all continue to invest in me and my future. To the women of the church—thank you so much for the engraved Bible. It's absolutely beautiful, and I know I'll carry it with me for years to come. It means so much to have something so special from you all. I'm so thankful to be part of a church that truly is like family. Thank you for everything.

**With love and appreciation, Ella Sechler**

**First Pres is partnering with the Cabarrus Women's Center for their "Baby Bottle Boomerang!"** Simply pick up a baby bottle from the baskets in the Narthex. Fill it with loose change or a donation, or set it out for others to donate. **Return the filled bottle by next Sunday, Father's Day, June 15.** The Cabarrus Women's Center is a life-affirming pregnancy support center.



**The congregation is invited to participate in a National Day of Prayer for Law Enforcement Officers.**

The meeting will be held inside Kannapolis City Hall - 401 Laureate Way - on Friday, June 20th at 9:30am.

**A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 29th, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Elders.** The nominating committee has nominated, and Session has approved the following candidates for a 3-year term: Sharon Cranford, Cookie Hamilton (2nd term), and Tony Rary. Nominations may also be made at the meeting by members of the congregation. Thank you to our outgoing Elders - David Ellington and Lynn Sechler - for their years of service to our church and our Lord!





**Youth and friends are invited to a “Share Your Gifts Summer”!** We will meet throughout the summer to fellowship, have fun, and learn a little too! Our theme verse will be Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...” Events will help us get to know each other, meet some new friends, and remember that we all have gifts to share.

## **JUNE EVENTS**

**Saturday, June 21: Summer Youth Kickoff!** Families and friends are invited to a hamburger/hotdog cookout beginning at 5pm. Then we'll enjoy water games with a “color” twist. Wear clothes that can get wet and messy, and bring a towel!

**Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by NEXT Sunday, June 15.**

**Wednesday, June 25: Gift of Painting Class!** Pizza will be provided at 5:30pm, then Alison Hammett will lead a youth painting class at 6pm. Siblings will be able to paint coordinating pictures for their families to enjoy. Participants should be rising 2nd graders and above. **Sign up in the Narthex or on our website by Sunday, June 22.**

**Saturday, June 28: Gift of Freedom Celebration!** Meet us at the North Carolina Research Campus lawn at 6pm for a picnic and fireworks watching. We'll play some games, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate America's birthday.

**Stay tuned for July's schedule, coming soon!**



**Cooperative Christian Ministry invites you to an open house for Grace Place at Caremoor.** Drop-in between 11:30am - 1pm on June 13 at 4876 Caremoor Place, Kannapolis, NC 28081. Grace Place will provide a transitional, multi-generational, family housing program. RSVP is appreciated to [jrichardson@cooperativeministry.com](mailto:jrichardson@cooperativeministry.com).

**The Piedmont Choral Society presents “Celebrate America” - free patriotic music concerts** at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street NE, Concord.

The first concert on June 26th at 7pm will benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry. Concerts on June 27th, 7pm and June 29th at 3pm will benefit the Piedmont Choral Society.



**The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte area Ronald McDonald House.** These tabs can be found on soda cans, soup/vegetable cans, pet food containers, or other canned goods. Please rinse the tabs and place them in the container in the Narthex.

**Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!** See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with these needs: feminine products; new or gently used towels.



**Linda's Closet is open for guests on Tuesdays from 11:00am -1:00pm in June, July, August & September only on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.** Boys clothes sizes 2-16 and men's clothes are needed. See Trish Nixon if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.  
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

- Tom Cavin - loss of father
- Lauren & Caleb Goodnight and family - birth of Lillian Etta, June 2nd
- Fred Caskey - recovery from shoulder surgery
- Jenny Linebarrier - recovery from fall
- Debra Dandro - recovery from surgery
- Angel Dixon - recovery from heart attack
- Chad Eudy - health concerns

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY**

- Bethany (Sandy Boucher-Bessent's daughter) - recovery from parathyroid surgery
- Amy Morgan (Adam Stricker's mother-in-law) - continuing with treatments
- Karen Miller (friend of Cresses) - non-small-cell carcinoma in lung
- Diane Crawford Odland (former pastor's wife) - diagnosis of cancer
- Henry (Diane Belotti's great nephew ) - 2 year old with brain cancer
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - recovery from two surgeries
- Darrell Blalack (Linda Hathaway family) - one more chemo treatment for Hodgkins
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - recovery from kidney transplant

### **HOMEBOUND**

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care





# This Week @ FIRST PRES

## Sunday, June 8

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
- Youth Sunday  
Rehearsal  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Youth Sunday Worship  
Service

## Tuesday, June 10

11am-1pm - Linda's Closet (Work Day)  
12:00pm - NA  
6:45pm - Missions Team

## Thursday, June 12

12:00pm - NA  
6:00pm - NC District Pilot Club in  
Fellowship Hall

## Friday, June 13

12:30pm - Meet at church for Ladies'  
Tea at Billy Graham Library

## Next Sunday, June 15

### Happy Father's Day!

9:30am - Morning Coffee  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship Service

## SERVANTS

**Elder Lock-Up:** Jeff Barnhardt

**Children's Message This Week:** Acting  
Out Drama Ministry

**Children's Message Next Week:** Honor  
Fathers

**Children's Church This Week:** Youth  
Sunday

**Children's Church next week:** Sue  
Maoicchi

**Acolytes This Week:** Cierstyn Lowder &  
Ingrid Townsend

**Acolytes Next Week:** Camryn Lowder &  
Mary-Gray Petersen

**Nursery:** Vickie Ellington

**Nursery Next Week:** Sue Maiocchi

**Ushers:** Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan  
Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

**Ushers Next week:** Eric Cowan, Mark  
Goodnight, Tony Hunter, Amy Hurst

**Greeters:** Cookie Hamilton & Dave

## FINANCIALS FOR MAY

**YTD Income** \$122,849.34

**YTD Expenses** \$122,525.84

**YTD Budget** \$133,174.60

**Last week's attendance:** 6/1/2025

**Worship AM - 100**

**Sunday School - 55**

# SERMON NOTES

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

**Raegan Swaringen**

**Dave Ellington**

**Lynn Sechler**

**Cookie Hamilton**

**Chris Lowder**

**Ken Sparks**

**Sue Maiocchi**

**Phil McLain**

**Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk**

**Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator**



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